

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending Feb. 29, 2020

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

MediaLinks TV, LLC

6633

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1099 New York Ave., NW, 2nd Floor

Washington, D.C. 20001

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es) Yes ☐ No ☐(2) Citizenship Yes ☐ No ☐(3) Occupation Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name Yes ☐ No ☒(2) Ownership or control Yes ☐ No ☒(3) Branch offices Yes ☐ No ☒

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.Yes ☒ No ☐If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
Jing Ma	Director General	12/06/2019
Qingqing Li	Deputy Director General	12/06/2019
Chun Guo	Managing Editor of Production	12/06/2019
Hong Yao	Deputy Managing Editor of Production	12/06/2019

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
See Attachment				

5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

See Attachment

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☒ No ☐

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
See Response to Item 4(b)				

(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
See response to Item 4(a)		

(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
See response to Item 4(a)			

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

CCTV (China Central Television)

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes ☐ No ☐Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See Attachment

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See Attachment

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
See Attachment	CCTV		

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
See Attachment	CCTV		

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

CCTV

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

See Attachment regarding Items 14(a) and 15(a)

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☒ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☒ Other (*specify*) Distributed a short video to celebrate the Chinese New Year. See Item 11 Attachment for description.

Electronic Communications

☐ Email

☒ Website URL(s): https://america.cgtn.com

☒ Social media websites URL(s): See Attachment

☐ Other (*specify*) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☐ Public officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☒ Other (*specify*) See Attachment

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (*specify*) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

March 29, 2020

/s/ Heping Jiang

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

ATTACHMENT**MEDIALINKS TV, LLC– SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2020****I – Registrant Information**

Item 4(b) – Have any persons become partners, officers, or similar officials of the registrant during this 6-month reporting period?

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Date Assumed</i>
Heping Jiang	825 Tenth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001	Chinese	General Manager	Dec. 6, 2019
Xin Zhang	825 Tenth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001	Chinese	Deputy General Manager	Dec. 6, 2019
Jing Shen	733 Fifteenth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20005	Chinese	Deputy Managing Director of Program Production	Dec. 6, 2019
Siwei Zeng	1301 M Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20005	Chinese	Deputy Managing Director of Program Production	Dec. 6, 2019

Item 5(a) – Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes. The persons named in Item 4(b) are the principal managers of MediaLinks' news operations. Heping Jiang is General Manager and is responsible for the overall management of MediaLinks. Xin Zhang is Deputy General Manager and works with the General Manager to implement management decisions and oversee MediaLinks' operations. Jing Shen and Siwei Zeng both have the title Deputy Managing Director of Program Production and have responsibility for managing the production of MediaLinks' news programming.

III – Activities

Item 11 – During this 6-month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal names in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this Statement? If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services.

MediaLinks acts as the Washington News Bureau for CCTV. More specifically, CCTV, through a division it has named the China Global Television Network (CGTN), offers multi-language news channels internationally, including a 24-hour English-language news channel that is broadcast in over 100 countries, including the United States. MediaLinks works in tandem with CGTN news bureaus located in London, Nairobi and Beijing to produce news reports and other programming for the 24-hour English-language broadcasts.

MediaLinks strives to offer audiences (including the US audience) news coverage of world events from a perspective that is not Western-centric. In so doing, MediaLinks performs its news gathering and reporting activities like those of other Washington news bureaus, including those of other foreign news organizations that broadcast or publish in the United States.

MediaLinks' news gathering and production activities are performed by professional journalists (mostly U.S. citizens). To enhance its news coverage, MediaLinks also maintains commercial arrangements with a number of news services, including NBC News, CNN, Reuters, AP and Agence France-Presse.

Programs produced by MediaLinks are transmitted to CCTV/CGTN in Beijing, which re-transmits the programs on its CGTN international channel to television broadcasters/cable providers (who have contracted to receive CCTV/CGTN programming) for dissemination to local audiences around the world, including the United States.

The news programs produced by MediaLinks during this semiannual reporting period were as follows: World Today, Global Business, The Heat, China 24 (America), Full Frame, and America Now. These programs were aired in the U.S during a designated time slot under the brand name "CGTN America." (The programs are treated as "informational materials" and submitted on DVDs to the FARA Unit monthly.) In addition, MediaLinks hosts a website and various social media sites that are accessible in the United States. These sites are listed in this Supplemental Statement at Section V, Item 19 (Attachment).

In gathering, producing, and reporting the news, MediaLinks' journalists sometimes contact U.S. government officials and other media representatives for the exclusive purpose of collecting and confirming information for news programs. In addition, based on the topic of news coverage, MediaLinks also sometimes invites U.S. government officials, along with representatives of US businesses, civic groups, and academic institutions, to appear as guests on its programs to comment on news developments. These invitations are extended to promote balanced and neutral coverage of the news. (Any appearances by U.S. government officials would be captured in the aforementioned DVDs submitted to the FARA Unit.)

Finally, MediaLinks distributed a video in celebration of the Chinese New Year (also referred to as the Spring Festival), which began on January 25th and ended on February 8th. A copy of this was filed with the FARA Unit. The video was distributed in the following ways:

- The video was displayed on dual digital screens situated at 7th and G Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. and on a digital screen outside of Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts during the period from January 24, to February 2, 2020.
- Through a commercial arrangement with National CineMedia, the video was displayed along with other pre-movie advertisements and trailers in 38 movie theatres in the Washington metropolitan area between January 26 and February 1st, as well as 7 movie theaters located in California, New York City and Chicago, from January 27 to February 2, 2020.
- The video also appeared as a "pre-roll" in front of the Washington Post's editorials (digital version) during the period of January 24-31, 2020.
- Ampersand (previously named NCC Media), a data-driven TV advertising company, also arranged to display the video 4 times during January 25-26, 2020, through Effectv, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable.

Items 12 – During this 6-month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity? If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced

and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to the dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Same as response to Item 11 above.

IV – Financial Information

14. (a) Receipts-Monies.

All the costs for the operations of MediaLinks are funded by CCTV. CCTV from time to time transfers funds to the U.S. to cover these costs. The dates and amounts of any such transfers made during the period covered by this statement (*i.e.*, August 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020) follow:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
11/15/2019	9,846, 580.80	Defray MediaLinks operating expenses
12.24/2019	1,561,700.89	Defray MediaLinks operating expenses

15 (a) Disbursements – Monies

Disbursements - Detail (From August 1, 2019-February 29, 2020) (See Notes)	
<i>Expense Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>
Office rent and management fee	2,037,277.48
Utilities	80,478.99
Security expense	135,944.79
Employment related expenses	18,403,039.53
Transmission expense	239,633.16
Content purchase expenses	484,987.57
Meals and entertainment	64,361.16
Rent for offsite shooting	431,756.03
Travel expenses	2,211,412.74
Insurance expense	56,240.68
Promotion and advertising	108,127.20
Equipment and supplies	539,786.90
Legal and accounting expenses	449,284.86
Repair and maintenance	291,308.73
TOTAL	25,533,639.82

Notes:

- (1) Disbursement amounts include some estimated expenses.
- (2) Disbursement amounts include August expenses that were previously disclosed by CGTN America when it updated the information contained in its Registration Statement to include financial information through August 31, 2019.

V – Informational Materials

18. During this 6-month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specific sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials?

See response to Items 14 and 15.

19. During this 6-month reporting period, did your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials include the use of the following:

Electronic Communications – Social media website URL(s):

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/cgtnamerica>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cgtnamerica/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cgtnamerica>; Instagram: <https://instagram.com/cgtnamerica/>

20. During this 6-month reporting period, did you disseminate Informational materials among any of the following groups:

___ Other (specify). Television audiences in over 100 countries, including the United States. More specifically, MediaLinks acts as the Washington News Bureau for CCTV. CCTV, through a division it has named the China Global Television Network ("CGTN"), offers multi-language news channels internationally, including a 24-hour English-language news channel that is broadcast to over 100 countries, including the United States. MediaLinks works in tandem with CGTN news bureaus located in London, Nairobi and Beijing to produce news reports and other programming for the 24-hour English-language broadcasts. MediaLinks performs news gathering and reporting activities like those performed by other Washington news bureaus, including those of other foreign news organizations that broadcast or publish in the U.S.